

HOLY FAMILY PARISH MASSES and other liturgical celebrations:

Daily morning Masses: 9.00 am Monday to Saturday

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.00 pm

Sunday Masses: 8.30 am - St. John of the Cross

9.30 am – Holy Family Church

Community Masses:

Samoan Community – 3rd Sunday at 11.00 am

Cook Islands – 2nd Sunday at 11.00 am

Myanmar Community – 4th Sunday at 11.00 am

Tokelau – 4th Sunday, 11 am at St. John of the Cross

Multicultural Mass – 31st August at 9.30 am, by Archbishop Paul

Reconciliation – 8.00 am – 8.45 am Thursday – Saturday

Baptism – By appointment

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C

4th May 2025

Dear Parishioners: Greetings, Kia ora, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Malo ni, Mingalaba, Mauri, Ola, Namaste, Malo Lelei & Nibula.

Rehabilitation and Transformation

Today's Gospel highlights the rehabilitation of Peter, who had denied Jesus three times. After his repentance, Jesus reinstates Peter and entrusts him with leadership of the Church, showing that God continually seeks out humanity, even when we stray. This act of divine mercy illustrates God's relentless pursuit of His people.

In the first reading from Acts, we see how the Holy Spirit transforms Peter from a fearful man into a bold witness of the Resurrection. Standing before the Sanhedrin, Peter declares the apostles' obligation to obey God over men, demonstrating newfound courage and faith. The second reading from Revelation presents a vision of the glorified Christ as the "Lamb of God" enthroned in Heaven, emphasizing Christian hope in the Risen Lord.

The Gospel account further portrays the risen Jesus actively seeking out His disheartened disciples. In a miraculous display, He enables a large catch of fish and shares a meal with them, symbolizing their mission. In a powerful exchange, Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves Him, paralleling Peter's triple denial and offering him restoration. Jesus then commissions Peter to shepherd His followers, indicating Peter's renewed role as leader, defined by love and service, even unto martyrdom. The metaphors of fishing and shepherding underscore the Church's mission of evangelization and care.

The passage carries important life messages. First, we are encouraged to recognize the Risen Lord in our successes and joyful moments, acknowledging His presence in our blessings. Second, Jesus meets us in suffering, just as He transformed Saul's life through adversity. The Lord is present in our trials, using them to draw us closer to Him. Lastly, Christ visits us through the support of others—friends, family, and even strangers—who bring encouragement and help during difficult times. Ultimately, the Gospel calls us to be attentive to the various ways the Risen Christ enters our lives, inviting us to respond with love, faith, and mission.

PARISH NOTICES AND UPDATES

- Sunday Adoration - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every Sunday at 5.00 pm
- Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting** 6 May 2025 @ 6 pm in the Presbytery
- Children's Ministry:** Every Sunday at 9 am.
- Safeguarding session:** All parishioners are invited to attend the session at Holy Family School Hall, 17 May 10.00 – 12.30 pm.
- Family Rosary in May:** All families are invited to lead the rosary every Monday to Friday evening during the month of May at 6 pm. Please confirm your timeslot by filling the roster in Church Foyer.
- 2025/2026 Planned Giving Envelopes and Rebate letters for 2024/2025** can be collected from the Parish Office.
- Divine Mercy Conference 23 – 25 May Auckland:** Keynote speaker Fr Chris Alar MIC. **Register at** www.divinemercyconference2025.co.nz
- Pope Francis' Solemn Requiem Mass** is being celebrated in Palmerston North on Sunday 4th May at 6:00 pm. The livestream link is available on www.holyfamilyparish.nz

Pope Francis Quote:

'Today the Risen Christ invites us to a new impetus — everyone, each one of us — he invites us to dive into the good without fear of losing something, without calculating too much, without waiting for others to begin. Why? Do not wait for others, because in order to go towards Jesus, we need to go out on a limb. Am I capable of an outburst of generosity, or do I restrain the impulses of my heart and close myself off in routine, or in fear?'

Regina Caeli, 1 May 2022

SUNDAY READINGS – YEAR C

4 May 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st R: Acts 5:27 - 32 Responsorial Psalm: 30 2nd R: 1 Apocalypse 5: 11 - 14 Gospel: John 21: 1 - 19. 	VIGIL READERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Epi McGirr Greg McGirr EUCARISTIC MINISTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mereturia Akavi, Kevin Schwalger, Maria N Khum 	9.30 AM READERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aleki Patelesio Akenese Tana EUCARISTIC MINISTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sr Hannahri Ina Tengar Tuifaasisina Masoe 	ST JOHN READERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lua Tuimavave Faialofa Antonio EUCARISTIC MINISTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Atonio Gerry Mallon Bernadette Banez
11 May 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st R: Acts 13:14 43 - 52 Responsorial Psalm: 100 2nd R: 1 Apocalypse 7: 9 14-17 Gospel: John 10: 27 - 30. 	VIGIL READERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malia Perez Felise Maiava EUCARISTIC MINISTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malia Anamani Afuamua Tago Sa Tovia'o 	9.30 AM READERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isa Lokeni Nuufou Glendining EUCARISTIC MINISTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sr Donna Grace Bonita Tasele Markia N Khum 	ST JOHN READERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> William Nobelen Tracie Etuale EUCARISTIC MINISTERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ine Etuale Iutita Mallon Etuale Etuale

PARISH COLLECTIONS FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 2025

Parish - \$ 2711.80
Building Fund - \$ 607.70

Generosity consists not the sum given, but the manner in which it is bestowed.

May God bless you always.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS 11 May 2025

In his message for the 62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis wrote: “A vocation is a precious gift that God sows in our heart, a call to leave ourselves behind and embark on a journey of love and service.” Please pray for our seminarians Kinh, Emilio, Gerson, Dyester and Kham, and for all those discerning the call to priesthood and religious life. Pray too that more young people will generously say yes to God’s call. Vocations are fostered within faith communities. So who can you encourage? Pray for them | Invite them to consider priesthood or religious life | Affirm their gifts and qualities | Encourage them to be open to God’s call.

COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU?

Do you think you might have a vocation? Have you thought about the idea, but tried to put it out of your mind? Visit wellingtonpriests.org to explore the call to diocesan priesthood in the Archdiocese of Wellington. The website features vocation stories of local priests and seminarians, as well as helpful materials for anyone discerning a vocation. For more information, follow our Facebook page or contact: Fr Andrew Kim at wellingtonpriests@gmail.com / Lucienne Hensel at l.hensel@wn.catholic.org.nz

OUR POPE

When Pope Pius XII died he was the only Pope I’d ever known and I thought that was the end of the Catholic Church. Then the Holy Spirit inspired the Cardinals to elect a roly-poly, elderly man most people thought would be just a ‘seat-warmer’. To everyone’s surprise St Pope John XXII “opened the windows of the Church to let the fresh air in”, and set about initiating the Second Vatican Council. In these days of Conclave we must call on the Holy Spirit and put our hope and trust in His guidance. May these words of wisdom, written by our beloved Pope Francis while he was in hospital, give us food for reflection:

“The walls of hospitals have heard more honest prayers than churches ...

They have witnessed far more sincere kisses than those in airports ...

It is in hospitals that you see a privileged doctor saving the life of a beggar ...

In intensive care, you see a Jew taking care of a racist

It is in these moments, when the hospital touches the wounds of people that different worlds intersect according to divine design.

And in this communion of destinies, we realize that alone, we are nothing. The absolute truth of people, most of the time, only reveals itself in moments of pain or in the real threat of irreversible loss. A hospital is a place where human beings remove their masks and show themselves as they truly are, in their purest essence.

This life will pass quickly, so do not waste it fighting with people. Do not complain excessively. Make sure to hug your loved ones. Do not worry too much about keeping the house spotless. Listen, perfection does not exist. A human being cannot attain it because we are simply not made to be fulfilled here. Here we are given an opportunity to learn.

So, make the most of this trial of life - and do it now. Respect yourself, respect others.

Respect: do not comment, do not judge, do not interfere. Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely!

And leave the rest in the hands of the Creator.”

This is my prayer -

That, though I may not see, I be aware of the Silent God who stands by me.

That, though I may not feel, I be aware of the Mighty Love which doggedly follows me.

That, though I may not respond, I be aware that God - my Silent, Mighty God, waits each day,

Quietly, hopefully, persistently, waits each day and through each night

For me. For me - alone. Edwina Gately

Sr. Anne Phibbs